

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Machacek, Pastor

Fr. Brian Shea, In Residence



Mission Statement:

In Christ we are all things, He is everything to us. If you have wounds to heal, He is a physician; if fever scorches you, He is a fountain. Would you punish evil doing, He is justice, If you need help, He is strength; if you fear death, He is life; if you hunger, He is food.

- St. Ambrose

MASS TIMES

Sunday Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm
Family Mass with Youth Choir
Sunday 9:00 am Cantor & Organ
11:00 am Choir & Organ

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8:00 am (no Mass Tuesdays)

Devotions

Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am
"Can you not watch an hour with me?" Matthew 26:40
Holy Rosary Monday - Saturday 7:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays 8:45 am

BECOME A FRIENDLY VISITOR!

Under the direction of the pastor, Friendly Visitors serve those in the parish and surrounding community who are in need of social interaction. Must attend a 1 day training session when available.

PARISHIONERS

Please contact the parish office to update address/phone #s or to volunteer in ministries.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday & Statutory Holidays
To schedule an appointment, please call the office during business hours. (If planning to drop in between 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm please call before)

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Ambrose! Registration Forms and Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Forms can be found on our website at www.stambroseparish.com under the **Contact** tab or you can email stambroseET@archtoronto.org

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm (or by appointment)

Marriage

Couples wishing to arrange a wedding must contact the Pastor One year in advance and be registered with the parish. Please do not set the date until you have met with the Pastor. Marriage Information Guidelines can be found on the parish website, under "Sacraments".

Baptism

Baptisms for infants and young children are celebrated every 3rd Sunday of the month, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Baptism Registration and Preparation Instructions can be found on the parish website, under "Sacraments".

Anointing of the Sick and Care for the Elderly & Shut-Ins

If you or a loved one are in a hospital and wish for a visit from a priest for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please contact the Nurses' station and ask them to contact the "Priest on call". For other locations, please contact the parish office. Those who are confined to their homes by illness, infirmity or age, who would like to receive communion, please contact the office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Lay Pastoral Visitors, Friendly Visitors, Greeters, Ushers, St. Ambrose Choir and Youth Choir, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus & Honouring God's Creation Society

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US!

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Parent Only (First Holy Communion)
– Teaching Mass

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 a.m.

† Wilson Beeman Bowyer,
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Asuncion and † José Magsalay
req. by Family

Thursday, February 26

8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 27, St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 28

4:30 p.m.

† Jean Masson, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
† Domenico Maraio, req. by Family

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m.

† Hope Banisch Venneri
req. by Mama, Papa & Noah
† Jacek, † Jan and † Teresa Sitarski
req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Caterina, † Alfredo and † Paolo Converse
req. by Emma Cirelli

11:00 a.m.

† Theresa Benoit, req. by the Saint Vincent
de Paul Society
† Kenise Murphy Kilbride
req. by the Lehane-Cavaco Family



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For the wellbeing of the Waghorn Family
requested by Family



THE SEASON OF LENT Lent is a 40-day period of



preparation to **celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.**

It is the season of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy

Thursday. During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifices of Jesus through our prayers, we serve others by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting & abstinence. We also recall the waters of Baptism in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin & evil and began new life in Christ. A gentle reminder to all: **Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.** The law of fasting binds those from 18-59



years of age. For the Fridays of Lent, every person 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat. *During Lent, we will celebrate THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. until Friday, March 27th.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION There will be a **Parents only, Teaching Mass** in the Church on Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH – SUMMER DAY CAMP


St. Ambrose Parish is excited to offer a **Full-Day Summer Day Camp** for children in **Grades 1–8.**

 **Dates:** July 20–24  **Location:** St. Ambrose Parish

 **Full-Day Program**  **Cost:** • \$125 Early Bird

• \$150 Regular Registration

• \$20 sibling discount for each additional child

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week of games, crafts, prayer, and group activities in a safe parish environment. **More details and registration coming soon.**  Questions? Contact **Agnes, Youth Minister** at amirga@archtoronto.org

ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Volunteer Search - We are looking for volunteers to help support our Children's Liturgy ministry. Whether you feel called to serve as

a coordinator, teacher, or helper, your gifts would be a blessing to our parish children. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Michael or Vanessa/Murray at st.ambrosechildrenliturgy@gmail.com Please keep our children, volunteers, and the future of this ministry in your prayers.

Easter Event - **Jesus is the Reason for the Season** - Children's Liturgy Easter Celebration. **Meet the Easter Bunny! Sunday, April 5th, 12-1 pm in the Parish Hall.**

This is a free event - no registration is required!

* Every child aged 9 and under will receive a loot bag.

* Free raffle draws will take place at 12:30 pm.

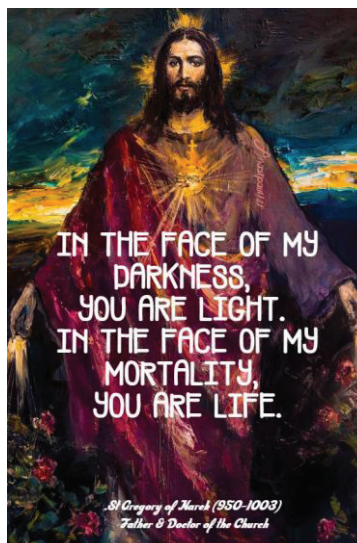
* Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to celebrating together!

Please pray for a just Peace in the World

LENT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Our Catholic Mother's Group is proud to sponsor a **Lenten Reflection** evening on **Thursday, March 5th**, **beginning at 7:00 pm in the hall**. This evening will be led by Carol Janssen, a Catholic mother and counsellor, who has helped to facilitate many activities in her own parish, including the *Alpha* programme. Carol will guide us to take a different and deeper look at our spiritual journeys during the Season of Lent. *All parishioners*, young and old, female and male, are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow this meeting.



I am the clay, You
are the potter,
mold me Lord, into a
vessel of Your
mercy.

St. Gregory of
Nazoz, Abbot &
Doctor

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 2nd. Thank you for your generous support.



LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN – Friday, February 27th

EDGE – Friday, March 6th



THIS LENT, YOU ARE LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate **St. Patrick's Weekend** on **March 14–15!** The celebration will take place here:

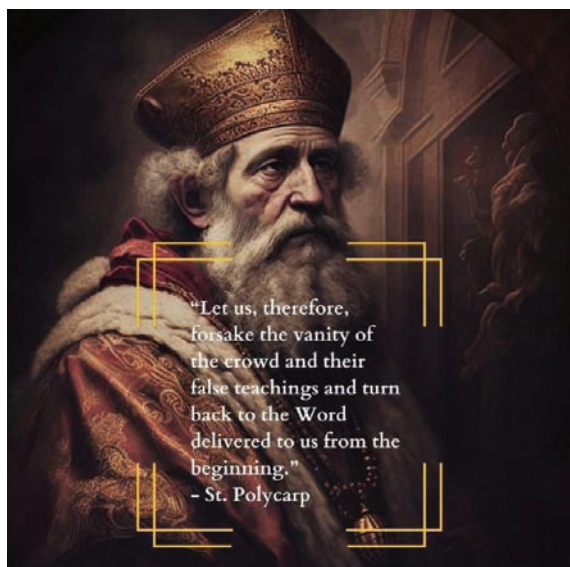
- Saturday after the 4:30 PM Mass
- Sunday after all Masses

We will be offering a variety of **baked goods, delicious desserts, and more!** This is a **fundraising event in support of our Youth Group**, and we warmly invite our parish community to take part. If you are able, please consider donating **baked goods or desserts** to help make this event a success. Your generosity and support mean so much to our youth ministry!

Thank you for helping us build a strong and faith-filled community. ❤️

PARISH PASSION PLAY – Led by Our Youth

Group We warmly invite you to join us for a very special **Passion Play** at **St. Ambrose Church** on **Friday, March 20th**. This beautiful and prayerful presentation of Christ's Passion will be led by our dedicated **Youth Group**, who have been working hard to bring this sacred story to life. Come and enter more deeply into this holy season as we reflect on the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Your presence and support mean so much to our young people and encourage them in their faith journey. Please join us for this meaningful and powerful evening. *Let us walk together through this sacred time.* ✚





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